

a base wall enclosing the lower end of the side wall and defining a mixing region in

which slurry may be prepared;

a first stirring apparatus fixedly mounted in the mixing region, wherein the first stirring

apparatus has first mixing elements attached thereto; and

a second stirring apparatus rotatably mounted in the mixing region, wherein the second

stirring apparatus has second mixing elements attached thereto, wherein the first

mixing elements and the second mixing elements at least partially engage each

other as the second stirring apparatus is rotated to remove slurry therefrom, and

wherein the second mixing elements engage the side wall as the second stirring

apparatus is rotated to remove slurry from the side wall.

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47. [NEW] The slurry mixer of claim 46, wherein the first stirring apparatus includes an upper member and a plurality of upper mixing members that extend from the upper member.

48. [NEW] The slurry mixer of claim 47, wherein the second stirring apparatus has a lower member and a plurality of lower mixing members that extend from the lower member.

49. [NEW] The slurry mixer of claim 48, wherein the upper mixing members are offset from the lower mixing members so that the upper mixing members pass between the lower mixing members as the second stirring apparatus is rotated.

50. [NEW] The slurry mixer of claim 49, wherein the upper mixing members and the lower mixing members engage each other as they move past each other to remove slurry therefrom.